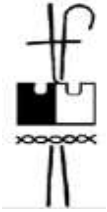


July 2021 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shepherd's Voice

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. (The Third Article of the Creed.)

Dear God's beloved,

I have a question for you. Have you ever had the experience that out of the blue a verse or a line or a story of the Bible comes to your mind when you are doing something? It can be, say, you are on the road looking for a place to stay, and on that day all the hotels are fully booked, and you wonder "Is this like when Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem on Christmas day?" That kind of thing. Does this happen to you sometimes?

Maybe I am just weird that way (along with everyone in my family including dogs and cats), but it happens to me quite often these days. Most recently it happened at the Confirmation class summer picnic and fishing activity. As you will find in the Youth Corner in this newsletter, the Confirmation class went on a picnic and fishing at a park in Pearl City. It was a lovely afternoon. Thanks to Billie and Eric for hosting us with a yummy lunch and providing all our fishing supplies. It was my first fishing experience. (Yes, I grew up near the ocean and love to eat fish, but I had never attempted to catch a fish by myself.) Kindly (and patiently) the youth put a live worm on the hook (I did not know fish liked to eat worms) and showed me how to throw the line into the pond and told me to wait and watch. It was not hard, so I sat there and waited. Obviously I was not skilled. I fed more fish with worms than I caught. (By accident or the mercy of God one dumb fish got on my hook.) It was calm, just listening to the breeze and birds and some frogs. Billie said fishing is peaceful. I liked the rhythm of casting and waiting, (and baiting my hook again), re-casting and waiting. While sitting on a lawn chair waiting, a fishing story in the Bible popped in my head. Do you remember the story when Peter and the whole crew went fishing at night after Jesus died (and of course was resurrected)? They were in their boat casting their net the whole night but got nothing. Early in the morning a guy from the shore (which was Jesus but they did not recognize him) told them to cast the net to the right side, and they got an abundance of fish. Do you remember that story? (You may read the full story in John 21: 1-14) While by myself on the pond, casting, waiting, re-casting, and waiting, I just thought of that story. The story came a little closer to me.

I wonder if this is what the communion of saints means. The stories from the past, namely the Bible and my own stories, start connecting. We share the experiences, emotions, laughter and tears, frustrations and joy. We often call the Bible, the living word of God, and I say, "this is most certainly true."

Have a blessed summer my friends!
Pr Miho

Make-A-Smile cards for
Lena Living Center

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a new ministry to share the love of Christ to the residents in the nursing home. **We are responsible for 10 cards each month.** If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church **by the 10th of each month.** Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile! Questions? Contact the church office or Pr. Miho.



Revised Covid Guidelines for Good Shepherd

With Covid restrictions being lifted, the Church Council has reviewed the Covid Guidelines for Good Shepherd and have made the following recommendations:

- **Masks: Recommendation;** *that all non-vaccinated people should wear a mask inside the church.*
- **Fellowship Hour:** *We can now safely resume Fellowship Hour with moderate social distancing.*
- **Entry:** *All doors are open. No temperatures will be checked but hand sanitizer will be available for anyone wishing to use it.*
- **Offering:** *At this time, the offering plates will be left where they are.*
- **Communion:** *We continue with the same self-serve communion cups at this time, and will resume regular communion in August or September.*
- **Sharing the Peace:** *Will continue as we are now doing.*
- **Restrooms and Elevator:** *These are open to multiple person use.*
- **Choir:** *Choir and Bell Choir will start in person rehearsal in September with first choir performance at Worship Service on September 26th, 2021.*

After reviewing the Guidelines, the Council has recommended that they would be publicized in the July Church Newsletter. Guidelines have been reviewed and approved by the Church Council.

!Worship Volunteers needed

We are updating our list of those who can help with Sunday worship.



Council has decided instead of having separate ushers for communion, that the Worship Ushers could do communion as well as be greeters. Sound and Power Point will continue with two people, and the Lector and Worship Assistant could be the same person. Live Stream will be one person, and the Elevator Operator can be one person. This will require 7 volunteers weekly. We will help you learn how to do each task.

If you are available to help, contact the church office with the your name, phone number and the area you are willing to volunteer, there is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall .

Thank you very much, we appreciate your all your help



Highlights from May 13th Church Council Meeting

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April 8th, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved. Minutes of Special Council Meetings on April 15th, May 2nd, and May 9th were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Andrews reported that he is moving the \$2,000. from the Revolving Cash Fund to current accounts.

Heating: 2,834.32

Electric: \$168.31

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that another member passed away and the funeral will be May 15th. Seventy six Make-A-Smile cards were delivered to Lena Living Center in April. There is a need for more items for the 40 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Lena Dental donated tooth brushes for the kits. She is asking other businesses to possibly donate other items.

Committee Reports:

- **Worship and Music:** Committee was recommending that communion be started at Sunday morning worship services. This is to begin on May 23, 2021 and continue to be available on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. The committee also recommended that the Children's Sermon be added to the Sunday morning worship service starting in June, 2021. A question was asked about the Summer Service and Summer Picnic not being held this year. Janis Kurth noted that at the time of the meeting it was felt that it would be hard to do with the Covid restrictions at that time, not knowing what the future would hold for restrictions. Other questions about when we could resume "normal services" were discussed. At the current time we are moving ahead slowly and listening to the Stephenson County Health Departments recommendations and the CDC recommendations.
- **Learning and Youth Committee:** Kristy Patterson reported that Confirmation Classes were back in session. The Confirmation Class will be working on a project that will be for the younger Sunday School children. On June 5, 2021 the kids will be planting flowers at the church, and on June 13, 2021 they will be going fishing. A concern was brought up that with the length of the Worship Service currently that the Confirmation Students were having a harder time relating to things. Some were having a difficult time with the live stream. Some students have a difficult time understanding what is being said. They also miss hearing the hymns sung as the hymns do add an enrichment to the service in as much as the lyrics relate to the message of the day.
- **Stewardship Committee:** Reported that flowers were sent to the Gene Hesselbacher family and that the family appreciated them.
- **Scholarship Committee:** The Scholarship Committee reported that they had three applications from Ashtyn Brinker, Hanna Brinker and Jessica Koning. Ashtyn and Hanna Brinker will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon successful completion of their semesters at collage. Jessica Koning was denied because she is not a participating member of Good Shepherd, as the criteria requires. She has been sent a letter explaining the requirements.
- **Property Committee:** The Property Committee had a work night on May 8, 2021 to clean up around the church. They put up a new bulletin board and trimmed the shrubs. There is also a problem with the elevator. Wayne Kurth has been working on this problem and hopefully will have it solved by this Saturday. The question of if an appeal letter for funds to fix the organ had been composed. It has not. It was suggested that something should be put in the next newsletter for this purpose and it should come from the Property Committee and the Church Council.

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Old Business:

Constitution: This is a slow process. Our Constitution should follow the Synod example and ours is very outdated. The committee is moving forward slowly.

Organ Repair: The question of whether an appeal letter has been drafted to send out to the congregation yet. It has not. After further discussion, it was decided to put a message in the newsletter for the organ appeal. It was also noted that it should include why we should do the whole organ repair at one time. This should be both from the Property Committee and the Church Council.

Laptop: A discussion on what would be needed for the church's needs in a laptop. Steve from Neighborhood Solutions would be at the church on Friday May 14. Wayne Kurth would be at the church to discuss the matter with him.

Squirrels are still in the attic. A lift is needed to get that high and check what can be done to solve the problem.

Committee Assignments: Jonathon Kurth volunteered to be on the Stewardship Committee.

New Business:

Open Door Grant: There is an Open Door Grant through the ELCA to promote outreach. Pastor Miho Yasukawa would like to apply for the grant. The council had no objection.

Council Meeting Date: Kristy Patterson has a job related conflict with the second and fourth Thursday of the month. The Church Council was polled and as no one had a conflict on the third Thursday of the month it was decided to move the meeting to the third Thursday of each month. Janis moved to change the meeting date. Billie Jo Runkle seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

CPR Training: Wayne Kurth spoke to Louise Lameyer about scheduling a time for CPR training. She will be getting back to him as to a date and time.

Having no other business, Coralyn Hudik moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim Gordon seconded the motion. Motion approved. The Church Council adjourned by reciting the Apostles Creed. Meeting ended at 8:00 pm. Next Council Meeting will be June 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Synod Assembly Report

I was privileged to attend the first ever Northern Illinois Synod Digital Assembly and to me it was a technological marvel! I appreciated that prayer was such an important part of the event. I found the speakers, videos and business aspect of the assembly to be enlightening and interesting and the worship services to be meaningful. Another plus was that I didn't need to drive anywhere! Our synod covers a large geographical area and the work it is doing is amazing; much more than I realized. I would enjoy discussing the assembly with anyone who would like to know more. Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2021 assembly.

~ Sheila Keene

We lift up our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tessendorf, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Jim DeMontigny, Richard Gordon, Bonnie W, David Gray, Kay, Sue, Tom Free, Shanna, Linda Orr, Pray for love, peace, comfort, and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of Larry Huneke, Bob, Ronnie Schmid and Rev Paul Lamm.

Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office to submit your request at 815-369-5552. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain. We send prayer through phone chain and e-mail. You pray individually and pass it on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.



Join a Book Group

With other Good Shepherd members

Do you like to read? Do you like to meet new people? Do you like to learn about history of Christianity? You may like to join our book group!

We meet on Wednesday 3pm-4pm via zoom. We read one chapter from *The Story of Christianity, Vol. 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation* by Justo L. Gonzalez. You have not missed much. We are slowly moving to the 4th century. All are welcome to join anytime. We are a very casual group. If you are interested, contact the church office for the zoom link. Just try it out!

*This is a part of John 10: 16 ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Pearl River, NY.



We are looking for your favorite hymns for worship in summer.

Please submit your favorite hymns to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Name (optional): _____

Favorite Hymn: _____

Tell us why it is your favorite _____

**Members & Friends of
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

The Property Committee and Church Council is seeking your help. The church organ is in need of repair. The total project is to repair lift pneumatics (part of the key board), replace the blower, and the rectifier.

This will result in a total cost of \$11,500. These repairs could be done in stages, but the Property Committee and Council recognizes that this would add to the overall cost due to added service calls to accomplish these repairs.

The Council has decided to open an "Organ Repair Fund" for anyone to contribute to the cost of repairing the organ. All monies directed to this fund will go only to repairing the organ.

If you wish to make a donation please put it in the offering plate Sunday morning or to the Church office. Please write on the offering "Organ Repair Fund" so it is deposited properly.

The organ adds so much to our worship services making this an important project. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and donations to this important project.

God's Blessings,

Good Shepherd Property Committee and Church Council

Never Too Young

(formally known as Young at Heart, Loyal Club and Luther League.)

Never Too Young is a time for fellowship, sharing thoughts of how the biblical times relate to today, being a part of GS family, and a way of reaching out to the community. Never Too Young is open to anyone, all ages and persons. It will meet in the evening of the last Sunday of the month.

Our kick off Never Too Young event will be on July 25th (Sunday) 6pm at the Hudik Farm (1260 W. Main Road, Lena) for a Hayride and bonfire. Burgers and brats will be provided. You may bring a side and your lawn chair. The August event will be on Sunday, August 29th. We will watch the sunset together. Location will be TBA. Come and join!

**Treasurer's Report
Jay Andrews**

Incoming May 2021	\$5,913.21
Expenses May 2021	\$9,381.93
Net Income (Loss)	\$(3,468.72)
Income, Year to Date 2021	\$50,201.87
Expenses, Year to Date 2021	\$58,600.22
Net Income (Loss)	\$(8,398.35)



Save the Date

Enjoy the Fellowship,

The Men's Group will be hosting their annual Cookout/potluck on Sunday, August 18th, at 11am in Fellowship Hall. Men's Group will furnish the pulled pork, buns and drinks, please bring a dish to pass and enjoy.

Bible Study Group



Come and join our new Bible Study group! This group is for anyone who is curious about the stories in the Bible. We will meet on Tuesdays at 10am at church. And if you'd like, bring your Bible. We are going to start reading from the first book of the Bible—Genesis. If you have questions, just contact the church office. Hope to see you!



Letters and The Gospel

Christ is asking us to be transformed by love.

By, Heidi Haverkamp

My Mother taught me to be a letter writer. She and her mother, my grandmother, wrote letters back and forth to their relatives in Norway for decades. Mom was a great believer in sending thank you notes, birthday notes and notes when you know someone was having a hard time. And in almost every letter she wrote, my mother told you something wonderful about yourself. She tried to capture who you were, even very simply, and write it to you in her own handwriting. I try to do the same in my letters. In reading over her letters after her death, I find a glimpse not only of who she was, but of who I am too.

A strange thing about the New Testament that I'm not sure we often appreciate is that we have the actual signed letters of Paul in the Bible. They are perhaps the most personal texts in all of Scripture. Paul wrote them in his own voice, calling people by name, telling them to stop fighting, asking them to say hello to so-and-so, to watch out for that Apollos character, and to please share their food with everyone else at the church supper. They are truly letters, not just theological essays.

The letter Paul wrote to Philemon is even more special. It is so short that we can read the whole letter aloud on a Sunday morning, just as it would've been read aloud at Philemon's church in about 60 A.D.

It was written to address one problem. Here is where the letter may become a bit strange or uncomfortable for us, because it is about a slave. Philemon owned Onesimus. Now, slavery in Roman times was *not* precisely like the human chattel slavery that was the foundation of our own American economy. But let us not forget that this text and others signed with Paul's name were used by people in America to rationalize and justify the existence of slavery for hundreds of years.

Paul does not use this letter to argue against the Roman practice of slavery, but he does open the letter by identifying himself as a "prisoner." He was writing from jail, maybe in Ephesus or in Rome. We're not sure. He was not a slave, but he was not free, either. Paul and Onesimus have gotten to know one another while Paul was in jail - it may be that Onesimus was also imprisoned, or that Philemon sent Onesimus to minister to Paul in prison, since Paul is able to send Onesimus back to Philemon with this letter.

I love this letter because it's such a powerful snapshot of life in the early churches and of Paul himself. We can hear Paul speaking, almost, and we can be reminded that these were real people (not just stained-glass-window images of people) who held this letter in their hands. These people decided to save this very short, very personal letter and pass it along, for generations, until it became part of biblical canon.

What Paul is doing in this letter? He is asking Philemon to do something big: to give up a privilege, a possession, a source of income, and something he has as a man of means, for the sake of someone else. Most of us hate being an imposition or asking to much of someone else. Not Paul.

Paul asks this question in a way that is very interesting and very particular to Paul. He does not apologize for asking too much. Nor does he make a command, like a general or a boss.

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Instead, he is full of enthusiasm and affection! He is direct without guile, and yet without any doubt that his request is right. The authority he calls on is that of friendship and love, and that of the cross of Christ: of submission and sacrifice. Paul writes that he “appeals” to Philemon “on the basis of love.” He asks him to do a “good deed” that is “voluntary and not something forced.” He writes of Onesimus, not as a piece of property, but as “my own heart” and “my child” and asks Philemon to welcome him as Paul himself would be welcomed.

On the other hand, we may also hear a bit of manipulation in Paul’s letter. He says, “I am confident you will do even more than I say.” He reminds Philemon, “I say nothing about your owning me even your own self.” And yet, perhaps what Paul writes is simply the truth? That Paul has brought Philemon to a new life and new self in Christ.

In this and in his other letters, Paul did not dispute directly or politically the culture or traditions of his time: slavery, class, the place of women and children the lack of rights of non-citizens. And yet, over and over in his letters, he tells the communities that he addresses that their relationships are to be transformed. All will sit and eat at the same table, women will be listed as disciples alongside men, and Onesimus is a full human person, loved by Paul, loved by God, and that he must be free, as soon as Philemon gets this letter.

What if the entirety of the gospel is a letter, written to each one of us, inviting us to be transformed by God’s love and affections for us? Written, like a letter by my mother, to tell us something about how wonderful we are, but also to tell us what God expects us to do—to resist injustice, to choose compassion and sacrifice, to truly affect the lives of others—and beyond even that, to be transformed ourselves!

Jesus’ message, his life and his death are about abundance of life; but this is a kind of abundance that also asks us to sacrifice. The gospel is almost frightening in its insistence that we give up everything for the sake of the cross. I’m not always sure what that means, to be honest, but I think it’s something like Paul’s letter to Philemon.

So: What if Paul were writing you a letter? A letter that demanded something of you? That asked you, with a genuine love and affections, to give up a privilege, or a possession, a source of income, or even a right, for the sake of someone else? I invite you to ask God, in a spirit of prayer, what that might be.

Christ, through the gospel, wants to tell us who we are, and not only how wonderful we are, like my beloved mother did in her letters and notes. Christ also wants to tell us the truth about ourselves, with that same big love and affection, like Paul told the truth to Philemon. He wants to tell us how deeply he loves us, but he also wants to make us uncomfortable and squirmy. Because he is asking us to serve one another, and to sacrifice for one another. Remember the sacrifices that Christ asks of us are not meant to destroy us, but to bring us new life—because this also was the sacrifice of Christ, not to give up his life only to suffer and die, but to create new life, to lead to resurrection. This is the same kind of sacrifice Paul asked of Philemon.


What did Philemon do? Someone saved that letter, for all generations to see and read, so I think we know the answer to that question. Philemon chose to sacrifice and be transformed, right alongside his brother, Onesimus.

How can we do the same?

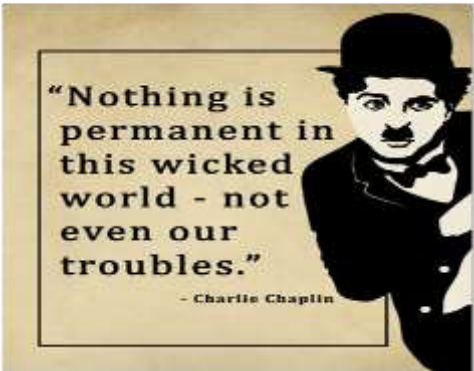
Submitted by Rene’ Johnson
Source: “Gather Magazine”, June 2021

Thank You

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue my education with your scholarship
Hanna Brinker

As a recipient of the Good Shepherd Scholarship, I would like to thank you for still providing this opportunity during these difficult times. I would also like to thank the entire congregation for teaching me some of the most valuable lessons in life. I would not be who I am today without the continuous prayers and support with this scholarship, I am one step closer to achieving my dreams.
Thank you!
Ashtyn Brinker 

We are looking for volunteers
at the Le-Win Food Pantry
from 8:20am-11:30am
Our next volunteer date: Saturday, August 28th,
We usually need 2 adults and 2 youth volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, here are upcoming dates for 2021: October 23rd and December 25th. Sign-up sheet is located in hallway by Fellowship Hall



- ## July Birthdays
- 7/1 Billie Jo Runkle
 - 7/2 Connie Kraft
 - 7/2 Joe Green
 - 7/4 Craig Raders
 - 7/6 Lori Timms
 - 7/6 Linda Heidenreich
 - 7/6 Ben Huber
 - 7/6 Shane Becker
 - 7/6 Sondra Winters
 - 7/7 Alan Esker
 - 7/8 Brenda Pathmann
 - 7/9 Alicia Gross
 - 7/11 Jace Schlichting
 - 7/11 Joanna Esker
 - 7/12 Austin Andrews
 - 7/13 Tana Herman
 - 7/14 Danica Balbach
 - 7/14 Andrew Drye
 - 7/20 Shirley Fox
 - 7/20 Bob Roettger
 - 7/25 Dale Gullickson
 - 7/27 Tara Wolfrom
 - 7/27 Heather Clifton
- If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!*

Friendship Club

2021 Summer Gatherings

Thursday, July 8th, will bring Ruter Ministries.

On Thursday, August 12th, entertainment will be provided by Bobby Edler.

All gatherings will be at 1pm at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall.

STEPHENSON COUNTY
RAMP **WHEEL-A-THON & 5K**
 no limits with **RESOURCE EXPO**
07-22-21 at Highland Community College
 2998 W Pearl City Rd Freeport Illinois

Schedule
 5:00pm Registration & EXPO
 6:00pm 5K & Wheel-A-Thon
 Dinner & Awards to follow.

Run, walk or wheel at RAMP's 22nd Annual Wheel-A-thon & 5K. The event supports RAMP's mission of building an inclusive community that encourages individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential in Stephenson County.

PARTICIPATE

Wheel-A-Thon/5K, Dinner & T-Shirt: Fundraiser or donate a minimum of \$50/person to participate in Wheel-A-Thon or 5K dinner and receive a 22nd Annual Wheel-A-Thon T-Shirt.

Wheel-A-Thon/5K, Dinner: Fundraiser or donate a minimum of \$25/person to participate in the Wheel-A-Thon or 5K and dinner.

Dinner Only: Donate a minimum of \$5/person for the dinner.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer to assist at the event, the evening of Thursday, July 22, 2021. register on the website and choose "Volunteer" to sign up.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE EXPO

The Stephenson County Resource Expo is a collaboration of non-profit organizations providing a one stop shop for community members to learn more about the variety of organizations and services in Stephenson County. It is FREE to attend the Expo!


CONTACT RAMP

815-233-1128 PHONE
 whitehouse@rampcil.org EMAIL
 give.classy.org/wheelathon
 EVENT WEBSITE

RAMP is a non-profit organization who support individuals with disabilities through providing services in Boom, DeKalb, Stephenson, and Winnebago counties. RAMP services enrich individuals lives.

Support TEAM GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH!!!!

We need your help to raise funds for RAMP Wheel-A-Thon. You may hand your donation to church office or make online donation at <https://www.classy.org/event/22nd-annual-stephenson-county-ramp-wheel-a-thon-5k-and-resource-expo/e336699>


 We are still actively seeking help at the Friendship Center. We are looking for help in the following positions: Bus Drivers, Van Drivers, Bus Aides, Cooks and Cook Helpers. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our team or have questions, please reach out to us at (815) 369-2690 and ask for Randy or Denise.

Fathers in the Bible

The first human father, Adam.

Scripture is filled with people we can learn much from. When it comes to the challenging vocation of fatherhood, several fathers in the Bible show what is wise to do and also what is not wise to do.

The most important father figure in the Bible is God the Father—the ultimate role model for all human dads. His love, kindness, patience, wisdom, and protectiveness are impossible standards to live up to. Fortunately, he is also forgiving and understanding, answering fathers' prayers, and giving them expert guidance so they can be the man their family wants them to be.

As the first man and first human father, Adam had no example to follow except for God's. Regrettably, he strayed from God's example and ended up plunging the world into sin. Ultimately, he was left to deal with the tragedy of his son Cain murdering his other son, Abel. Adam has much to teach today's fathers about the consequences of our actions and the absolute necessity of obeying God.

Lessons to Learn from Adam

God is looking for fathers who freely choose to obey him and submit to his love.

Fathers with integrity live in the knowledge that nothing is hidden from God's sight. Instead of blaming others, godly fathers take responsibility for their own failures and shortcomings.

Source: Zavada, Jack. "9 Famous Fathers in the Bible." Learn Religions, Feb. 8, 2021, learnreligions.com/fathers-in-the-bible-701219.

Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-273-TALK

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
[LifelineSuicidePreventionLifeline.org](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

Devotion Books for July-September

Christ in Our Home and *The Word in Season* are available at church. Both devotion books have a short Bible verses, devotional passages, and short prayers for every day. If you miss a day, don't worry! Each day has a different Bible verse and devotional reading. Pick up your copy at the rack today.

Did you know?? The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4, 1776. That's actually the day it was formally adopted by the Continental Congress, but it wasn't signed by most signatories until August.

Source Parade Magazine



May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.

Bible Quiz
Acts 20:8-10

8Now there were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. **9**And a certain young man named _____ seated in the window, was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell from the third story and was picked up dead. **10**But Paul went down, threw himself on the young man, and embraced him. "Do not be alarmed!" he said. "He is still alive!"...

Who fell out the window while Paul was teaching?

Answer on page 14



Bible Pathway
Adventures

WORD SEARCH

PAUL THE APOSTLE

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| TORAH TEACHER | EPHESUS | DAMASCUS |
| PAUL | BARNABAS | TARSUS |
| ANTIOCH | GALATIA | DISCIPLES |
| ROME | PRISON | YESHUA |
| SYNAGOGUE | ISRAELITE | MALTA |

Summer
is here!

This is the day the
LORD has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.



Youth Corner

KINDNESS SHOWS RESPECT

by Brenda Huante

Not only do we honor others by showing them respect, but we also find blessings for our own lives. Look for the words of the scripture below. They can be in any direction. Afterwards, write the leftover letters, except for the Qs, onto the blank spaces to discover where this scripture is found in the Bible:

Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honor. 📖

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E	E	Q	W	I	L	L	Q	O	Q	Q	O	Q
S	S	E	N	S	U	O	E	T	H	G	I	R
S	Q	Q	2	1	Q	Q	Q	2	1	W	Q	Q

Source; Pockets July 2016

Answer on page 00 (Proverbs 21:21)



Did you know???

Zaccheus's favorite song is "Money" by Pink Floyd.

Answer from Bible Quiz on page 13.

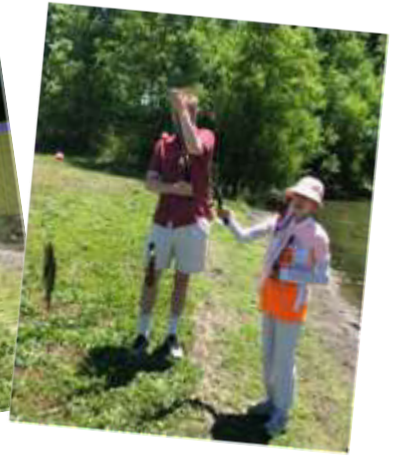
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What do you get when you cross a T-Rex and Fireworks?



Source; Pockets July 2019

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What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?



You can tune a guitar, but you can't tuna fish!



Source; Pockets July 2018


Fish Tales

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Our youth are doing awesome! Check church's Facebook page to find them!

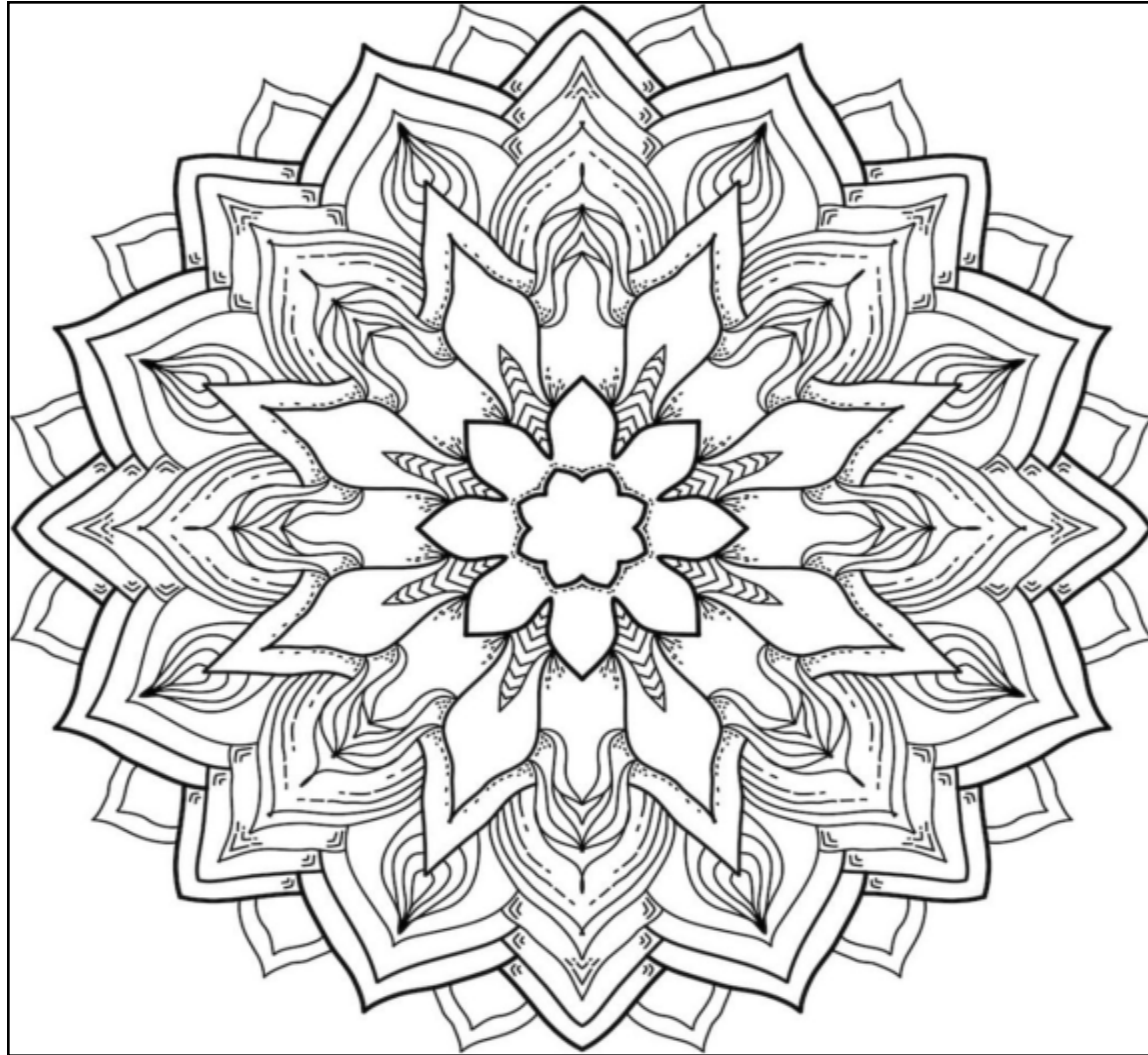


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4 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Fellowship <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 10:00am Bible Study Group	7 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 10:00am Pr. Miho at Rostered Minister's zoom meeting	8 1:00pm Friendship Club entertainment by Ruter Ministries	9	10 1:00pm Andrews/Velasco Wedding
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18 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) Men's Choir Singing 10:30am Fellowship –Treats furnished by Men's Group.	19	20 10:00am Bible Study Group 1:00pm-2:30pm Pr. Miho at PLC Meeting	21 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 10:00am Pr. Miho at Rostered Minister's zoom meeting	22 5:00pm-7:00pm RAMP Wheel-A-Thon at Highland	23	24
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Pr. Miho is on vacation						

Quote by Eleanor Roosevelt;

“It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.

And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”



Anna Eleanor Roosevelt , October 11, 1884 – November 7, 1962 —or Eleanor Roosevelt as she was formally known by the rest of the world—was much more than just a former First Lady. She was a humanitarian, an activist, a philanthropist, a politician, a mother of six—and she inspired change and action in the world. In fact, Roosevelt was the first First Lady to hold an official White House press conference with an all-women press corps. During World War I, she volunteered with the American Red Cross and in Navy hospitals. Roosevelt even wrote a nationally acclaimed newspaper column right up until she died called “My Day,” which she used as a platform to voice her life happenings and political stances and views. Seemingly, there was nothing Roosevelt wasn’t capable of doing, and she poured her heart into the things that mattered most to her. Source: 2021 AMG/Parade Magazine



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Martin Luther's Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer Conclusion

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

What does this mean?

*That I should be certain that such petitions are acceptable to
and heard by our Father in heaven, for he himself
commanded us to pray like this and has promised to hear us.
"Amen, amen" means "Yes, yes, it is going to come about just
like this."*